

**Senate File 358 - Introduced**

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BY SCHNEIDER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning membership on the commission for the blind.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 216B.2, Code 2015, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **216B.2 Commission created.**

4 1. The commission for the blind is established consisting  
5 of ~~three~~ five members appointed by the governor, subject to  
6 confirmation by the senate. At least three members of the  
7 commission shall be persons who are blind, at least one member,  
8 but not more than two members, shall be a representative of the  
9 Iowa council of the united blind, and at least one member, but  
10 not more than two members, shall be a representative of the  
11 national federation of the blind of Iowa.

12 2. Members of the commission shall serve three-year terms  
13 beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. The  
14 commission shall adopt rules concerning programs and services  
15 for blind persons provided under this chapter.

16 3. Commission members shall be reimbursed for actual  
17 expenses incurred in performance of their duties. Members may  
18 also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section  
19 7E.6. The members of the commission shall appoint officers for  
20 the commission. A majority of the members of the commission  
21 shall constitute a quorum.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill increases the number of members on the commission  
26 for the blind from three to five. In addition, the bill  
27 provides that of the five members, at least three members shall  
28 be blind, at least one member, but not more than two members,  
29 shall be a representative of the Iowa council of the united  
30 blind, and at least one member, but not more than two members,  
31 shall be a representative of the national federation of the  
32 blind of Iowa.